

**SQUAW BUTTE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF IDAHO – CHARTERED 3/92
12/06/2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Janine Townsend

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS – Janine

Danny Shoemaker

Clara – guest of the Chicks

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – Janine

Motion to approve the Previous Meeting Minutes as published made by Phil, 2nd by Chick and carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Ellen for Bill Conger

Beginning Checking Account Balance: \$ 4,893.02

Deposits: \$ 2,158.00

Expenses: \$ 805.47

Ending Checking Account Balance: \$ 6,245.55

Money Market: \$ 6,068.08

- Any overages that require approval?
 - Sportsmen Show \$307.50 - booth rent 2013 show
 - BOD meeting travel cost - \$263.78
 - Bill paid \$119.19 for items for the state convention - this amount was approved by motion.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report made by Robbin, 2nd by Linda E, and carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Report – Charles & Lorraine Chick

- Nothing for this meeting

Public Lands – Phil, Robbin

- Boise Forest coalition – nothing new
- Idaho Sportsmen Caucus
 - Still working with the Forest Service regarding the Franck Church Wilderness

Work Projects and Rides Report – Rob, Laurie

- Always refer to the activities website for the latest updates: < <http://sbbchidaho.org/html/activities.html> >
- See the blog for new articles and ride reports
- Provide 2013 ideas to Rob
- Hours and miles are not yet finalized
- Planning for 2013 will occur in January
- Rob presented Janine with a custom fused glass plate decorated with the Adams, Townsend and Bryan brands

DECEMBER

- **Holiday-End of Year Party - Saturday 12/8/2012, 6:00 PM.** Location: Spirit Horse Ranch, Emmett, ID

UNFINISHED AND ONGOING BUSINESS

- 2013 Calendars – Rob
 - Still need to distribute 45 calendars
 - We have just a bit shy of \$1000.00 in sales thus far
 - Calendar on SpiritHorseEnterprises website and the associated video are being looked at weekly, but no on-line purchases yet.
- 2013 BCHI State Convention – Robbin, Phil and Kay
 - Dates: March 15 – 16, 2013
 - Location: Double Tree Riverside Hotel on Chinden Blvd in Garden City
 - Theme: “Partnerships Clear Trails.”
 - Convention Committee: Robbin & Nancy Schindele, Phil & Kay Ryan, Rob Adams, Bill & Marybeth Conger, Janine Townsend.
 - Kay brought more ideas for door prizes and auction items
 - Handmade soaps; \$3 each if we want to order them
 - Chocolate horses on a stick
 - Discussion regarding auction
 - Suggestion that the auction items be started as a silent auction – that would provide the starting auction bid

- We plan to have photos and descriptions of the auction items on our convention web site to generate interest and excitement. Ellen has a lighting 'studio' set up and is available for taking pictures as needed
- Sportsman Show - Rob
 - The show is the first weekend in March 2013
 - Booth has been purchased
- SBBCH Christmas Party
 - Time: Saturday December 8th 6 PM until ...
 - Location: Spirit Horse Ranch (Charles & Ellen's place)
 - Committee: Nancy/Robbin, Chris/Bill, Janine
 - People needed to set up and clean up
 - Potluck, with Deep fried turkeys and spiral cut ham provided by chapter
 - Bring several cans of food for admittance to party. Food will be donated to Emmett food bank again this year
 - Bring a white elephant gift
- New Emmett District Ranger
 - The new Emmett District Ranger is Richard Newton and he is a horse person
 - Janine invited him to our Christmas Party and to our meetings. He is unable to attend the Christmas Party but plans to attend our February meeting.
 - Plan to set up a meeting with him in early 2013 for project planning
- End of Year Volunteer Hours Report
 - Get your hours updated on the reservation system by 12/31/12
- End of Year Report - Janine
 - Has been submitted to the secretary for forwarding to the state
 - See attached below the minutes
- Horse Massage - Laurie
 - His name is Mike Watkins
 - Laurie will schedule something in 2013
- Pay it forward members helping members work days
 - It worked; Chick and Lorraine helped out Janine
 - There will be sign up capability on our web site in 2013
- Grant for Chain Saws
 - Grant from Idaho Parks and Rec
 - We are applying for monies for 2 new chainsaws
 - Robbin has sent the grant request to the grant person and he reports that it is looking promising that we will receive the grant
 - Questions regarding how the Forest Service cuts will affect our ability to receive sawyer A and B certification. Need to follow up with our new Emmett District Ranger, but the assumption is that the training should become more consistent and that the Forest Service should be able to provide some training in 2013
- 2013 Horse Council Grant Money – Robbin
 - Deadline was 12/1/2012
 - Robbin created a PSA celebrating BCHA's 40th anniversary however the distribution costs were prohibitive
- BCHA 40th Anniversary Directory
 - Discussion regarding the requests from BCHA regarding creating and publishing a member directory for sale to advertisers
 - Folks are confused by the request and concerned regarding the publishing and sale of their contact information
 - This issues will be discussed at the 2013 BCHI BOD Meeting

NEW BUSINESS / GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Election of Officers - Marybeth, Linda H
 - Thank you Marybeth and Linda H for coordinating the nomination committee
 - 2013 Election Results
 - President – Janine Townsend
 - Vice President – Bill Holt
 - Secretary Team – Linda Erickson and Marybeth Conger
 - Treasurer – Bill Conger
 - Foundation Director – Marybeth Conger
 - Alt Foundation Director – Roger Segers
 - State Board of Director – Robbin Schindele, Phil Ryan
 - Alt State Board of Director – Nancy Schindele
- President will be looking for volunteers to fill Committee positions for the coming year
 - Be ready to say "Yes, I'd be glad to help this year, Thank You for asking me!"
- 2014 Calendar Photos
 - Linda Paul is coordinating the SBBCH photo entries for the 2014 calendar
 - Photos are due at State by March

- Leadership Team meeting
 - Sunday, January 20th
 - Time and Place TBD
- Membership & Dues
 - Due and payable immediately
- Elk Camp 2013
 - Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is putting on an Elk Camp in 2013 in Las Vegas NV; they are looking for volunteers. Contact Phil for more info
- Other items

PROGRAM

None.

DOOR PRIZE AND ADJOURNMENT

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM by President Janine Townsend

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Ellen Knapp

2012 SBBCH Officers, Committees, and Volunteers

President (3 terms max)	Janine Townsend (2012)	president@sbbchidaho.org	208-938-1213
Past President	Marybeth Conger (2011)		208-369-0769
VP (3 terms max)	Rob Adams (2012)	info@sbbchidaho.org	208-584-3780
Secretary Team (3 terms max)	Ellen Knapp (2011, 2012)	secretary@sbbchidaho.org	208-365-0737
Treasurer (3 terms max)	Shannon Schantz (2012)	treasurer@sbbchidaho.org	208-365-6781
Education (no term limit)	Charles Chick	education@sbbchidaho.org	208-870-6289
	Lorraine Chick		208-870-6289
Foundation Director (2 terms max)	Bill Holt (2011, 2012)	state.board@sbbchidaho.org	208-398-9825
Alternate Foundation Director (2 terms max)	Kay Ryan (2012)		208-584-3780
State Director (2 years staggered, no term limit)	Robbin Schindele (2011, 2012)		208-365-1789
State Director (2 years staggered, no term limit)	Phil Ryan (2012)	state.board@sbbchidaho.org	208-398-8993
Alternate State Director (2 years staggered, no term limit)	Nancy Schindele (2012)		208-365-1789
Projects & Rides (no term limit)	Rob Adams	projects@sbbchidaho.org	208-584-3780
Partnerships (no term limit)			
Selway-Bitterroot-Frank Church, Wilderness Society, Idaho Trail Association	Phil Ryan		208-398-8993
Boise National Forest: Emmett, Cascade, Lowman, Sawtooth NFS Districts, BLM District Office	Rob Adams		208-584-3780
Payette National Forest: Hells Canyon & Weiser NFS Districts	Laurie Bryan		208-550-2530
Reporter (no term limit)	Marybeth Conger	blog@sbbch.org	208-369-0769
Website (no term limit)	Rob Adams	webmaster@sbbchidaho.org	208-584-3780
Blog Master (no term limit)	Laurie Bryan	blog@sbbch.org	208-550-2530

Website Advertising (no term limit)	Charles Lox		208-398-7279
Hours Reporting (no term limit)	Louann Gaskell	hours@sbbchidaho.org	208-891-4008
SBBCH Calendar Pictures (no term limit)	Jake Lemon	pictures@sbbchidaho.org	208-365-2958

Meetings: First Thursday of every month 7 PM at LaCosta Restaurant, Emmett Idaho

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Squaw Butte Chapter
Back Country Horsemen of Idaho
End of Year Report

Squaw Butte Chapter officially started off 2012 in March, when we teamed up with the Treasure Valley and Boise Chapters of Back Country Horsemen at the Sportsman's Show in Boise. Our three chapters had a booth at the Sportsman's Show, which attracts a large number of hunting, fishing and back-country enthusiasts. Our presence at this show allows us to provide information on back country trails and trail conditions and gives us a perfect opportunity to advocate for multi-purpose trail use, to educate people of the continuing need for trail maintenance, and to inform the public about the work our group does in the backcountry, keeping trails open for everyone to use.

In April we again teamed up with Boise and Treasure Valley Chapters at the Idaho Horse Expo in Nampa at the Equine Center. Over a period of three days, the Horse Expo features clinics with well-known clinicians, vendors with every sort of horse equipment and products imaginable, and informational booths such as ours. The Horse Expo attracts horse enthusiasts of all disciplines and affords us an excellent opportunity to reach out to people interested in riding in the back country. We also tout our accomplishments in keeping trails open and the public service we provide in helping the Forest Service maintain these back country trails. It is a perfect time to educate the public not only about our organization, but in the service we provide, and the great need and importance for our continued work and diligence in maintaining back country trails. Between June 1st and September 30th 2012 Squaw Butte supported nine trail maintenance projects. These projects covered a large section of south western Idaho, taking place in the Boise & Payette National Forests and the Frank Church Wilderness. They were in partnership with the Emmett and Weiser Ranger Districts and the Selway-Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation. The work covered a large spectrum of activities, from packing to rock rolling, but mostly entailed the removal of a very large amount of blown down timber and pruning. We also did some major tread improvement removing a rotted log bed section through a bog and replaced it with a gravel trail bed.

June 7, 2012 – National Trails Day, Payette National Forest

Boundary Trail Tread Project

2012 National Trails day was a project coordinated with the Payette National Forest. The project was on Cuddy Mountain, west of Cambridge, ID. Boundary Creek Trail is a scenic trail that provides a gateway to a number of trails on Cuddy Mountain. A boggy area had a corduroy section that was in bad shape. The goal was to provide drainage and a rock and gravel trail bed.

June 23, 2012 Boise National Forest

Summit Creek Trail project

Summit Creek Trail was part of an effort to open the Bull Creek trail system in the Boise National forest. The Bull Creek Trail system has been closed for a number of years due to erosion damage.

July 1, 2012 Sand Creek Trail – Boise National Forest

Sand Creek trail runs between a good horse-trailer camping area and the Snowshoe Cabin Trail Head, where the upper end of Pistol Creek Canyon Trail starts. Phil made sure the trail was

open, as we would be using it a number of times while supporting the Selway-Bitterroot Foundation Trail Crew the following week

July 7, 2012 Frank Church Wilderness

Pistol Creek Canyon Trail-Crew Packing Support

We spent five days packing and cooking for the Selway-Bitterroot Foundation & Idaho Hikers Association Crew. We transported more than 800 pounds of equipment and food and provided meals for 16 people during the project.

July 14, 2012 Payette National Forest

Boundary and East Pine Creek Trails

East Pine Creek Trail heads up the eastern slope of Cuddy Mountain, following East Pine Creek through a rocky canyon. As you gain altitude you ride through a series of meadows. The project was to prune, remove blow down and to place a trail sign at the intersection of two trails.

August 4, 2012 Frank Church Wilderness

Marble Creek Packing Support Project

The work projects were on Pistol Creek and Marble Creek, on the west side of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. Both projects had volunteers from the Idaho Trail Association and Idaho Parks and Recreation, along with the pack support and camp cooks from BCHI members from both the Squaw Butte and Treasure Valley chapters. Eric Melson of the SBFC (Selway Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation) was the project organizer for both projects.

August 4, 2012 Boise National Forest

Wilson Corral & Gabe's Peak Trails

Big winds happen in Idaho, and in 2010 & 2011 we had a couple such events. Evidence of their effect was all over West Mountain. In the 12 years I've been riding there, I've never seen so many large trees down. Over the weekend of August 4th and 5th, seven members of Squaw Butte opened two trails that had been closed by this downfall, and had a great time doing it. Riding out of the Rammage Meadows camp area we spent Saturday on Wilson Corral Trail and Sunday riding a loop of Wilson Corral Trail going up and Gabe's Peak Trail coming down.

August 18, 2012 - Boise National Forest

Squaw Creek Trail

The signature trail on West Mountain, Squaw Creek Trail, heads up a canyon to the head waters of the creek in Wilson Meadows. The trail is very scenic and also quite technical with cliff bands and some very rocky areas. Last year's microburst storms took a toll on a number of very big trees, which all seemed to fall on the trail.

September 22, 2012 Payette National Forest

West Brownlee Creek

Our project at West Brownlee Creek, south of Cuddy Mountain was unique. It was a new area for Squaw Butte Chapter. We were working with a new seasonal employee, Ryan, from the Weiser Ranger district, and the trail was down in a canyon from the trail head. On most of our rides, we climb up most of the day while working, with a ride down the mountain at the end of the day. On this project, we rode down a steep side canyon to the creek, then the trail we worked on was more or less flat along the river. The trail is also unique; it is an old wagon road and is very wide and open. Most of the work involved pruning or removing Hawthorn trees that were blocking the way. As this summary of the summer project shows, members worked hard this summer, made a difference on the trails, and had a great time doing it.